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1. Restriction is required under 35 U.S.C. 121 and 372.

This application contains the following inventions or groups of inventions which are not so linked as to form a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1.

In accordance with 37 CFR 1.499, applicant is required, in reply to this action, to elect a single invention to which the claims must be restricted.

Group I, claim(s) s 1-7,10-13,21-26 , drawn to a method of making a cutting filament (264/210.2).

Group II, claim(s) 14-20, drawn to a cutting filament.

The special technical feature of group I is claim 1(b). According to your search report for PCT/FR04/00105 the STF is shown in EP 0867108, for example. Thus, there can be no Unity of Invention when the STF is shown in the prior art. Note that "capable of" in your claims in the US does not constitute a limitation, only the ability to so perform. Hence, Lack of unity is held by the Primary Examiner under PCT rule 13 and 37 CFR 1.475.

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